

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House be and are hereby instructed to appoint the members of the above Committee.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 1931.

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PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO PERMIT MILITARY  
OFFICERS TO VOTE AND HOLD OFFICE.

H. J. R. No. 1.]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Section 1 of Article 6, and Section 33 and Section 40 of Article 16, of the Constitution of Texas so as to permit officers of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserves, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, to vote and to hold public office in Texas.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Section 1 of Article 6 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. The following classes of persons shall not be allowed to vote in this State, to-wit:

First: Persons under twenty-one (21) years of age.

Second: Idiots and lunatics.

Third: All paupers supported by any county.

Fourth: All persons convicted of any felony, subject to such exceptions as the Legislature may make.

Fifth: All soldiers, marines and seamen, employed in the service of the Army or Navy of the United States. Provided that this restriction shall not apply to officers of the National Guard of Texas, the National Guard Reserve, the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, nor to enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, nor to retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps."

SEC. 2. That Section 33 of Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 33. The Accounting Officers of this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant upon the Treasury in favor of any person, for salary or compensation as agent, officer or appointee, who holds at the same time any other office or position

of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States, except as prescribed in this Constitution. Provided, that this restriction as to the drawing and paying of warrants upon the Treasury shall not apply to officers of the National Guard of Texas, the National Guard Reserve, the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, nor to enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, nor to retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps."

SEC. 3. That Section 40 of Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 40. No person shall hold or exercise, at the same time, more than one Civil Office of emolument, except that of Justice of Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, Officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit an officer or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man in the Organized Reserves of the United States; or retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, from holding in conjunction with such office any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States, or from voting at any Election; General, Special or Primary, in this State when otherwise qualified."

SEC. 4. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the next General Election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1932, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"For the Constitutional Amendment permitting officers and enlisted men of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, and officers of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, to hold other offices or positions of honor, trust or profit under this State or the United States, and to vote at any Election; general, Special or Primary, in this State when otherwise qualified."

"Against the Constitutional Amendment permitting officers and enlisted men of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, and officers of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, and enlisted men of the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, to hold other offices or positions of honor, trust or profit under this State or the United States and to vote at any Election; General, Special or Primary, in this State when otherwise qualified."

Each voter shall scratch out one of said clauses on the ballots, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed amendment.

SEC. 5. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said Election, and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ( \$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of printing said proclamation and of holding said Election.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 1931.

#### AUTHORIZING LEVYING OF TAXES FOR BUILDING SEAWALLS, ETC.

H. J. R. No. 5.]

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Section 7, Article 11, of the Constitution of the State of Texas authorizing counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico by a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon to levy and collect such tax for construction of sea walls, breakwaters, or sanitary purposes, as authorized by law, and authorized the creation of a debt for such works and the issuance of bonds in evidence thereof, and providing for the submission of same to the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on November the 8th, A. D. 1932, and providing the necessary proclamation and appropriation to defray the expenses of the proclamation, publication, and election.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Section 7, of Article 11, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 11, Section 7. All counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico are hereby authorized upon a vote of a two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon at an election called for such purpose to levy and collect such tax for construction of sea walls, breakwaters, or